

Lessons from the Heart

A fresh beginning!

By Rev. Sheri Rohrer

It's 2009 and we can hardly believe it! Ready or not a new year has begun. It's tradition to say "out with the old and in with the new." We begin thinking of things we'd like to change, begin or try. We think of a new year like a freshly cleansed chalkboard. Once again we have

been given a new slate.

That, my friends, is the way it is with God. The only difference is we do not have to wait a whole year to start over! God is ready to cleanse us and make us new any and every time we come to Him. The blood of Jesus



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Christ not only cleans our slate but also purifies our souls. There's nothing in the world like the feeling of being freshly forgiven, cleansed and set free! That is the awesome work of God's grace. Now is the time to start anew.

John 8:36 says this, "If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed."

My prayer for you is that you experience that deep truth of God's grace in your lives not just at the start of a new year, but every moment of every day.

Sheri Rohrer is pastor of Connections and Outreach at the Delphi United Methodist Church.

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The SIA Foundation is accepting grant applications from Indiana not-for-profit organizations that are seeking funding for capital projects in the areas of arts and culture, health and welfare, or education.

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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

Many moms and dads worry they will fail their children

QUESTION: I worry so much about my children and wonder if I'm raising them wisely. Every few days my husband and I encounter a problem we don't know how to handle. Is it common for other parents to feel this way?

DR. DOBSON: Yes, it has never been easy to raise healthy and productive children. After all, babies come into the world with no instructions, and you pretty much have to assemble them on your own. They are also mad-deningly complex, and there are no guaranteed formulas that work in every instance. And finally, the techniques that succeed magnificently with one child can fail bewilderingly with another.

This difficulty in raising children is a recurring theme in the letters we receive at Focus on the Family. We have heard it so often, in fact, that we decided to conduct a poll to



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ascertain the common frustrations of parenting. The answers received from more than 1,000 mothers and fathers were very revealing. Some responded with humor, especially those who were raising toddlers. They told the most delightful stories about sticky telephones, wet toilet seats and knotted shoestrings. Their experiences reminded me of the days when Shirley and I were chasing ambitious preschoolers.

Tell me why it is that a toddler never throws up in the bathroom? Never! To do so would violate some great unwritten law of the universe. It is even more difficult to understand why he or she will gag violently at the sight of a perfectly wonderful breakfast of oatmeal, eggs, bacon and orange juice — and then go

play in the toilet. I have no idea what makes a kid do that. I only know that it drives a mother crazy!

Unfortunately, the majority of those who responded to our questionnaire did not share funny stories about cute kids. Many of them were experiencing considerable frustration in their parenting responsibilities. Rather than being critical of their children, however, most said they were troubled by their own inadequacies as mothers and fathers!

Their answers, including these actual responses, revealed the great self-doubt that is prevalent among parents today:

- "I don't know how to cope with my children's problems"
- "I'm not able to make the kids feel secure and loved"
- "I've lost confidence in my ability to parent"
- "I've failed my children"
- "I'm not the example

I should be"

— "Seeing my own bad habits and character traits in my children"

— "My inability to relate to my children"

— "The guilt I feel when it seems that I have failed my daughters"

— "My inability to cope"

— "Knowing it's too late to go back and do it right"

— "I'm overwhelmed by the responsibility of it all"

Isn't it incredible to observe just how tentative we have become about this task of raising children? Parenting is hardly a new technology, yet we've become increasingly nervous about bringing up the baby. It is a sign of the times.

Pray for our nation to seek God

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him..." 1 Cor. 2:9 Pd. Adv.

Announcement

Church service at SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH will begin Sunday at 10 a.m. The service will feature special music followed by the message by pastor emeritus James L. Lund and the welcoming of the church's new pastor, Alan Wyant. Pastor Wyant will assume the pastorate at that time. Following services, there will be a dinner honoring Pastor Lund. All are welcome to attend.

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<p>AMERICUS UNION NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Larry Williams, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BRINGHURST UNITED METHODIST: Rex Charles, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BROOKSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST: 206 N. Prairie Street, Brookston. Ron Guzman, minister. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>BUCK CREEK UNITED METHODIST: 4915 Ferret St., Buck Creek. Dwight Monical, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>BURLINGTON FIRST BRETHREN: 205 W. 8th St., Rev. Dr. Peter Roussakis, pastor. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>BURLINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST: Dave Osborne, Pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., Bible Study (Thur): 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST: Bonnie Shoaf, pastor. SS: 11:00 a.m., SW 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>BURNETTSTOWN FIRST BAPTIST: Second & Main, Burnettsville. SW: 10:00 a.m., SS: 11:15 a.m.</p> <p>BURNETTSTOWN CHRISTIAN: Sixth & Washington, Burnettsville. John Wright, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BURNETTSTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: First & Main, Burnettsville. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>BURROWS PRESBYTERIAN: SS: 11:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>CALVARY CHAPEL CARROLL COUNTY: Wabash & Erie Canal Inter-pretive Center, Delphi. Eric Haley, pastor. SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>CAMDEN UNITED METHODIST: Dan Gottschalk, pastor. SS: 9 - 9:45 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>CLYMERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 4003 W 400S. Clymers Kevin Drane, pastor. SW: 10:30 a.m. SS: Same as worship.</p> <p>COLBURN ROAD BAPTIST: Bill Cadle, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>COLBURN UNITED METHODIST: Kasey Schnepf, pastor, SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:20 a.m.</p> <p>CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN: 3570 E 200S, Bringhurst, Dan C. Butcher, pastor, SW: 9:30 a.m. SS: 10:30 a.m. Youth group 6:30 p.m., Bible study Wed. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>CUTLER PRESBYTERIAN: Jeff Brown and Ann Bingaman, lay pastors. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>DEER CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN: Highway 29 in Deer Creek. Dave Heron, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. SS; Adult 8:45a.m. & Children 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>DELPHI CHRISTIAN CHURCH: 315 E. Main St. Delphi. Rev. Andrew Paris, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible study: 7 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI CHURCH OF CHRIST: 405 Cottage Street, Delphi. Sunday Bible study: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 & 5 p.m., Wed. Night 7 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD: 321 W. Main Street, Delphi. Rev. Virgil Moss. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI PENTECOSTAL: Hwy. 25 East, Delphi. Tim Stewart, pastor. Thurs. night Bible Study: 7:30p.m., SS: 12:45 p.m., SW: 2 p.m.</p> <p>DELPHI UNITED METHODIST: Union & Monroe Streets, Delphi. SW: 8:45 & 11 a.m., SS: 10 a.m., Todd Ladd, pastor; Micah Hudson, youth pastor.</p> <p>DELPHI WESLEYAN: North Union Street, Delphi. Dan Fisher, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>EASTLAWN UNITED METHODIST: SR 24 & Logan Street, Idaville. Mark Gaylor, pastor. SS: 9 a.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHURCH OF CHRIST: SR 29, Burlington. Steve Cole, minister. SW: 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. a.m., SS: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. Bible study 7 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH LUTHERAN: CR 800 N, west of Hwy. 29. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:10 a.m.</p> <p>FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwys. 29 & 26, Middlefork. Jim Anderson, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH: U.S. 421 North, Tippecanoe Township. Gilbert R. Ingram, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: US 421N., Pittsburg. Brent Oliver, pastor. SW: 9:30 am, Wed. Family Night: 6:30pm, Adult & Youth Services Sun. Evenings 6pm.</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAMDEN: Paul Marcellino, pastor. Tue. 9:30 a.m. Women's study, SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:45 a.m., Monthly Youth Group</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST: Indiana & Franklin Streets, Delphi. William Glenn, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>FLORA FIRST BAPTIST: 115 W. Columbia Street, Flora. Interim pastors. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA FIRST BRETHREN: 115 N. Washington Street, Flora. Dan Herendean, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA FIRST CHRISTIAN (Disciples of Christ) S. Center Street, Flora. Sam Davenport, interim pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA GRACE BRETHREN: 103 S. Willow St., Flora. James Franklin, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m., Wed. Prayer Service: 7 p.m.</p> <p>FLORA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 211 S. Center St., Flora. Charles Compton, pastor. SW: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA UNITED METHODIST: 107 E. Main Street, Flora. Rex Charles, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>FLORA VALLEY VIEW SOUTHERN BAPTIST: Route 2, Flora. Bill Godbey, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: 1101 Dreibers Ave., Delphi. Joe Whitehead, pastor. SS: 10 a.m. SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>HICKORY GROVE CHURCH: CR 700 W., Jefferson Township, Ken Smith, pastor SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>HILLSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST: Hwy. 22, 2 miles E. of Burlington. Doyle Buckner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>IDAVILLE CHURCH OF GOD: 11073 E 50 N, Idaville. Chris Murphy, pastor. SW 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., SS: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>JUBILEE FELLOWSHIP: CR 50 N, Flora. Scott Gamel, pastor. SS: 9:00 a.m., SW: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>LIVING FAITH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 310N 250W. Jeff Tomson, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>LIVING STONE CHURCH: 54 Main St., Rossville. Sunday Services: 8:50-9:20 Coffee and Fellowship, 9:30 worship. Children's church available</p> <p>LOCKPORT NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH: East of Patton. Nord Zootman, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>LOWER DEER CREEK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: CR 300 N, SE of Camden. Guy Studebaker, pastor. SW 10:15 a.m., SS: 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>OAK GROVE CHRISTIAN: 11810 N 900 W, Monticello. Interim pastor, Rev. Ashli Cartwright-Peak. SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Crooked Road, 1 mile E of Delphi. Justin Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m., SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.</p> <p>PITTSBURG MISSIONARY BAPTIST: John Wagner, pastor. SS: 10 a.m.; SW: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bible Study: Thurs. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>PLEASANT HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5490 North SR 39, Frankfort. Donna Emerson, pastor. SS: 9:45 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.</p> <p>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELPHI: Main & Indiana Streets, Delphi. Rev. Bill McLean. SW: 9:30 a.m., SS: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>PYRMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: Pastor. Howard Hendrickson. SS: 9 a.m., SW: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>RADNOR CHURCH: Ed Selvidge, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p>ROCKFIELD CHRISTIAN: Bob Cree, pastor. SW: 9 a.m., SS: 10 a.m.</p> <p>ROCKFIELD PRESBYTERIAN: SW: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>ROSSVILLE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP: 16 Cason St.. Judd Dickey, pastor. Sunday Corporate Prayer: 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship 9:30 a.m.; SW 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>ROSSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: 109 N. Plank Street, Rossville. Floyd Smith, pastor. SS: 9a.m., SW: 10 a.m.</p> <p>ROSSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH: 5434 W State Rd 26, Rossville, IN. John Evertt, pastor. SS: 9 a.m., Fellowship: 9:45 a.m. SW: 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>ROSSVILLE UNITED METHODIST: Main & Gaddis Streets, Rossville. Rick Jones, pastor. SS: 9:15 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>SHARON AMERICAN BAPTIST: St. Rd. 29, Carrollton Township. James Lund, pastor. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC: 207 N. Washington Street, Delphi. Peter Vandorkolk, pastor. SW: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH: 1301 S. Washington St., Delphi. SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN: Church & Cumberland Sts., Camden, 2 blocks West & 1 block North of SR218 and SR75. SW: 8:30 a.m., SS: Same as Worship.</p> <p>WHIRLWIND MINISTRIES: 869 N. 90 E., Burrows, Greg Britt, pastor. SW: 10 a.m. (574) 652-2280</p> <p>YEOUMAN UNITED METHODIST: Carl Davis, pastor, SS: 9:30 a.m., SW: 10:30 a.m.</p>

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